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Applicants: Christopher BANGLE et al.

Serial No.: 10/601,306

Group Art Unit: 3612

Filed: June 23, 2003

Title: FLAT SECTION OF THE OUTER SKIN OF THE BODYWORK OF A
MOTOR VEHICLE

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.47(a)

Director of the United States
Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Acceptance of the application papers submitted herewith pursuant to 37
C.F.R. §1.47(a) is respectfully requested.

Enclosed herewith are 24 executed Declaration and Power of Attorney
documents, including the signatures of 25 out of the 26 inventors named in the
present application. An executed Declaration and Power of Attorney has not been
received from one of the named inventors, Anders Warming. Treatment of the
enclosed Declaration and Power of Attorney documents as having been signed by all
the available joint inventors on behalf of the nonsigning inventor, Anders Warming,
is requested in accordance with the provisions of MPEP §409.03(a).

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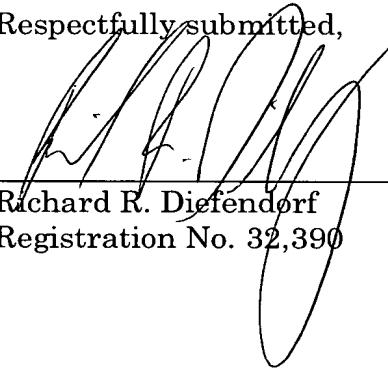
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Attached to this petition is a statement executed by Ralf Frieser showing that diligent effort has been made to reach Anders Warming. The last known address of Anders Warming is set forth in section 5 of Mr. Frieser's statement.

A check in the amount of \$130.00 for the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h) required for filing this petition is included herewith. Please charge any necessary additional fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to deposit account no. 05-1323.

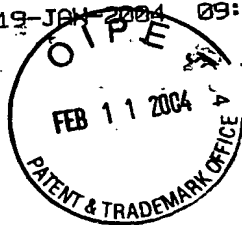
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Title: FLAT SECTION OF THE OUTER SKIN OF THE BODYWORK OF A
MOTOR VEHICLESTATEMENT OF RALF FRIESER

I, Ralf Frieser, declare as follows:

1. I am employed by Bayerische Motoren Werke Aktiengesellschaft (BMW), having offices in Munich, Germany.
2. On June 25, 2003, Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment papers were sent to inventor Anders Warming at the offices of DesignworksUSA, the U.S. employer of that inventor and an affiliate of BMW.
3. As the executed papers were not returned, Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment papers were again sent to Anders Warming, together with a reminder, on August 25, 2003.
4. I received information, in September 2003, that Anders Warming had left DesignworksUSA and moved his home. By way of Mr. Warming's supervisor, I became aware of Mr. Warming's e-mail address. Numerous attempts have been made since September 2003 to contact Mr. Warming at that e-mail address. No response from Mr. Warming has been received to date.
5. The last known address of Anders Warming is 9939 Latigo Canyon Road, Malibu, California 91320.

All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true; all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true, and further these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Ralf Frieser
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Jan 19, 2004
Date